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Registration for Savannah River Site's First Ultimate Fishing Challenge begins

Challenge only open to wounded veterans and mobility-impaired individuals

(AIKEN, SC) April 8, 2015—The U.S. Forest Service-Savannah River is seeking wounded veterans and mobility-impaired individuals to participate in Savannah River Site's First Ultimate Fishing Challenge scheduled for May 9, 2015, at Savannah River Site's L-Lake from 5:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.

"Besides the annual turkey and deer hunts, the fishing challenge offers another avenue for wounded veterans and mobility-impaired individuals to enjoy the outdoors," said DeVela Clark, forest manager of the U.S. Forest Service-Savannah River. "This will be an excellent opportunity for them to experience the natural resources on the Savannah River Site, and we look forward to working with our partners on this and other events."

The fishing challenge will be a catch and release event. Each participant will be paired with a badged site employee to create a fishing team. Site employees will be responsible for assisting participants by providing boats, fishing equipment, life jackets and other items needed to ensure safety. The Aiken Sertoma Club will provide lunch for participants and volunteers.

Downloadable registration forms are available at www.fs.usda.gov/savannahriver. Registration ends on April 16, 2015. Fifteen participants will be randomly selected by a drawing. A confirmation packet will be sent to selected participants along with a detailed agenda.

The Department of Energy, the National Wild Turkey Federation, Centerra Group, LLC and the Aiken Sertoma Club are all partners for this event.

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